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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004 in which the Examiner identified the following patentably distinct inventions of the claimed invention:

Invention I - claims 1-9; and

Invention II - claims 10-19

Applicants elect Invention II, claims 10-19, for prosecution on the merits.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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